

- (c) means for fastening said absorbent body to the body of [the] a wearer; and
- (d) [an] at least [one] two elasticized barrier layers [overlying portion of said absorbent core member and secured to said absorbent body thereby defining a retaining enclosure between said barrier layer and said core member] , wherein each of said barrier layers has an edge secured to said absorbent body and another edge overlying said top portion of said absorbent core member, thereby defining retaining enclosure between said barrier layer and said top portion of said absorbent core member along the sides of said article.

2. (Amended) An integral disposable elasticized absorbent article as in claim 1 [wherein said] comprising an elasticized barrier [comprises] having barrier segments, each of said segments being secured to said absorbent body to form a retaining enclosure between each of said barrier [layer] segments and a portion of said absorbent core.

3. (Twice Amended) An integral disposable elasticized absorbent article comprising:

- (a) an absorbent body having a front waist portion, a back waist portion, a crotch portion and a pair of spaced apart leg openings;
- (b) an absorbent core member having a liquid pervious top layer facing the body of [the] a wearer, a liquid impervious back layer substantially coextensive with said liquid pervious layer, and a liquid absorbent layer disposed between said top layer and said back layer;
- (c) means for fastening said absorbent body to the body of [the] a wearer, and

- (d) [an] at least [one] two elasticized barrier layers [overlying portion of said absorbent core member and secured to said absorbent body thereby defining a retaining enclosure between said barrier layer and said core member] , wherein each of said barrier layers has an edge secured to said absorbent body and another edge overlying said top portion of said absorbent core member, thereby defining retaining enclosure between said barrier layer and said top portion of said absorbent core member along the sides of said article.

4. (Amended) An integral disposable elasticized absorbent article as in claim 3 [wherein said] comprising an elasticized barrier layer [comprises] having barrier segments, each of said segments being secured to said absorbent body to form a retaining enclosure between each of said barrier [layer] segments and portion of said absorbent core member.

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney wishes to express his appreciation to the examiner and the supervising examiner for the courteous interview accorded applicants' attorney and applicants on April 3, 2001. In accordance with the suggestions of the examiner and the supervising examiner during that interview claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the reference. A clean copy of the amended claims is submitted herewith.

Claims 7 and 14 have been withdrawn from consideration in this application and therefore these claims are hereby cancelled without prejudice.